

Campus radio station makes several changes

By Dorothy Miller
Staff writer

The changes continue at KAUR-fm, Augustana's student-run campus radio station, with improved facilities, new programming, and increased student involvement.

Last year was a big year at the station, with a power increase from about 40 to 400 watts, expanding KAUR's listening area from a six mile radius to a 25 to 30 mile radius.

Although a double shot of lightning on June 12 and again on June 13 completely destroyed the transmitter, it was re-built by a Chicago firm. The station was forced off the air for over a month.

The station's changes didn't stop with the new transmitter. Throughout the summer, fourth floor of Old Main, which houses KAUR, was undergoing remodeling to make it more efficient for the bigger audience. There were some office switches made, and the air console and news desk were remodeled.

The programming at KAUR has been modified. The Sunrise Show—the Christian Rock pro-

gram—which was aired only on Sunday mornings, will now be aired on both Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Student Congregation and chapel will continue to be aired.

The news is also undergoing several changes. Noon news has been pushed back to 11 a.m. and will include ABC network news as well as student broadcast news. The 7 p.m. news will also include ABC news.

One of the most important changes is that of increased student involvement. Director of operations, Doug Behrens, estimates a 25 percent increase in student involvement over last year.

This allows KAUR to be on the air an average of 19 hours a day. Behrens is hoping to have KAUR on the air for a full 24 hours.

Nearly 80 students are now working as DJ's, news and sports writers and broadcasters, and executive staff members.

The KAUR staff hope to keep KAUR the "alternative" station in Sioux Falls. John Brock, Christian music director says, "KAUR will be giving the other stations a run for their money."